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Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond to speak to more than 400 educators on Friday as part of National Book Month

ATLANTA – Did you know that in some of the poorest neighborhood in American cities, there is only one reading book for every 300 kids? In too many cases kids often have no children's books at home.

Help get books to kids who need them by joining Atlanta City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond in collecting new, used and damaged books throughout the month of October as part of National Book Month.

As part of the kickoff of the annual book collection Bond will speak to more than 400 English and language arts teachers taking part in the annual book collection at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 7 at Therrell High School, 3099 Panther Trail. All Atlanta Public Schools (pre-k to High School) will participate in the book collection.

Drop off boxes for the book drive are set up in facilities across the city of Atlanta at places of worship, at all Atlanta Public Schools, at The Mall West End and at city facilities, including Atlanta City Hall and at all Atlanta Fire Stations.

Books can be donated through October 31.

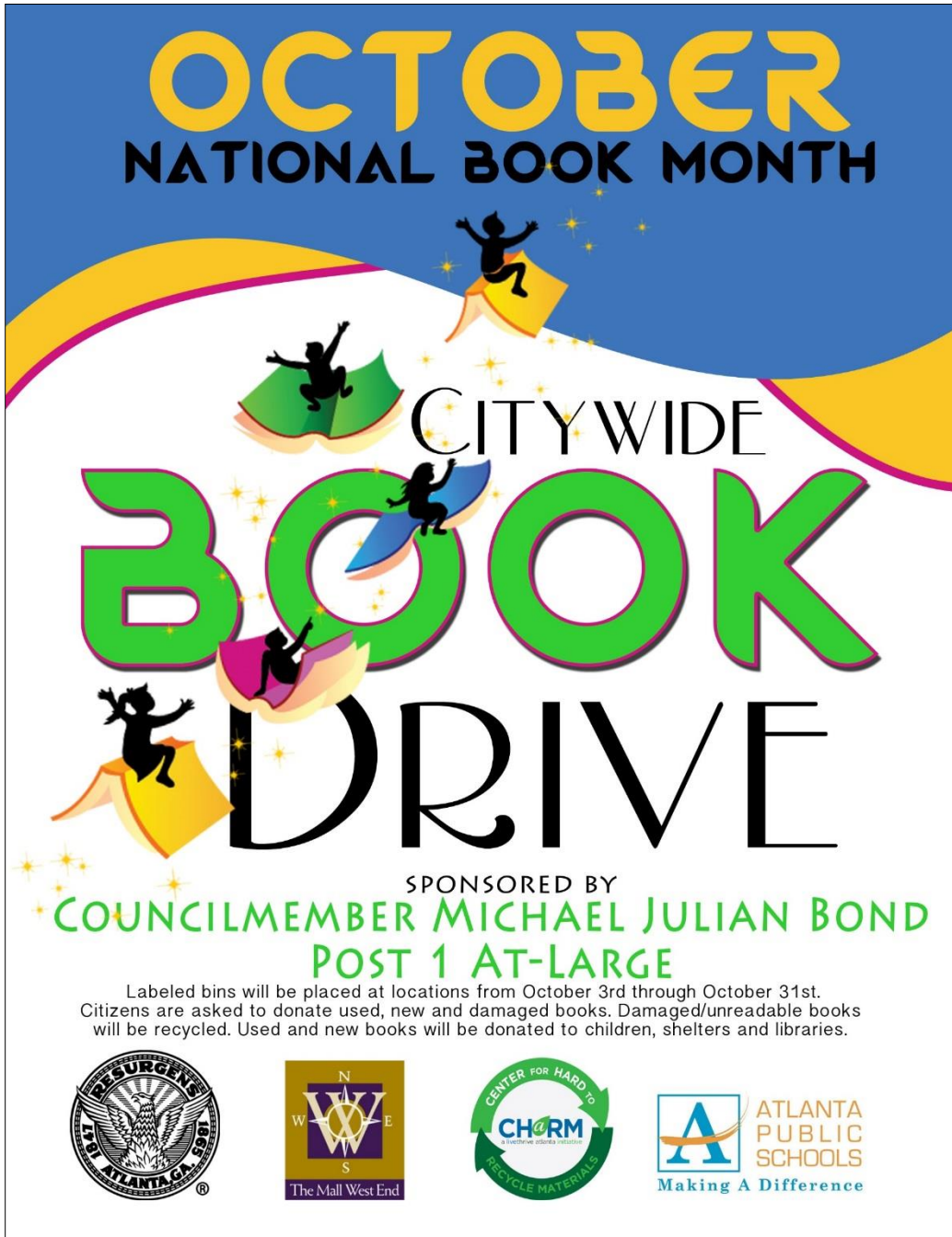
"October is National Book Month and I'm asking everyone to join me in providing Atlanta youth with a book, the one thing that will inspire their imagination," said Bond.

Reading introduces kids to new worlds, teaches important skills like imagination and empathy, and improves memory. "For many of us, our first book be it, Curious George, Moby Dick or

Green Eggs and Ham, hold a special place in our hearts,” Bond said. “I ask Atlantans to join me in encouraging our youth to put their electronic devices down and pick up a book.”

Damaged books deemed to be unusable will be recycled.

To find out the nearest location near you, call the Office of City Councilmember Michael Julian Bond at 404-330-6770.




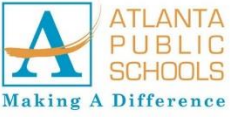


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Labeled bins will be placed at locations from October 3rd through October 31st. Citizens are asked to donate used, new and damaged books. Damaged/unreadable books will be recycled. Used and new books will be donated to children, shelters and libraries.

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